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1. Preliminary work is being done on a new wharf for the north section of Klaipeda harbor. The harbor entrance and a channel to the new wharf are being dredged to a depth of eight meters. West of the new wharf are located some old naval repair shops which employ about 1,500 men. No naval vessels have been observed alongside these shops.
2. Soviet naval vessels are not ordinarily based at Klaipeda, but submarines have called at the port on occasion. During the latter half of May 1950, five larger naval vessels anchored outside the harbor entrance for several weeks, and twenty-ton patrol boats are stationed in Klaipeda; these vessels have a top speed of about twenty knots. Signal work is carried out by radio, and no radar equipment can be observed on the vessels.
3. The Klaipeda trawler fleet is under the direction of the Vice Minister of Fishing (sic), (fnu) Vasilkov. The chief of the fishing harbor is (fnu) Metayev.
4. On 10 June 1951, fifteen Soviet and Lithuanian trawlers were ordered from Klaipeda to Leningrad for use in moving former German fishing trawlers to Vladivostok. The trawlers are said to weigh between 200 and 300 tons, and eighty of them were to be moved in the initial stages of this operation. It is estimated that four months will be required to complete this movement, but contracts have been written for three years.
5. Coastal patrols are partially under the Coast Guard of the Baltic Fleet (Beregovaya Oborona Baltiskogo Flota), but patrolling is also done by MVD coast guard units. The MVD coast guard units wear naval uniforms with black epaulets. Some of the shore patrolling is done by personnel on horseback.

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